

Council on Correction

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

Attendance COC Members

Jane Hovington
Joe Paesani
Ed Perez
Jennifer Powell
Darryl Chambers
Muhammad Salaam
Richard Senato

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Alan Grinstead, Deputy Commissioner
Jayme Gravell, Chief Media Relations

Public

Lori Alberts
Roland Laub

1. Call to Order

2. Introduction of Council members

3. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from November 14, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

4. New Business

Discussed draft of by-laws, the Chair said that he would like to include the Mission statement in the by-laws and he would like feedback by the end of January so it can be finalized at the March 13, 2018 COC meeting.

The Chair advised that the COC was being reviewed by the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee and a hearing is scheduled for February 6, 2018. A question was asked about what the purpose is of the Sunset Committee and it was explained that they review commissions and boards to determine whether or not there is a need for the committee and if the need is being met. He encouraged COC members to attend if they are able.

The Chair discussed Committee assignments:

By-laws Committee – nominated and approved Jennifer Powell to Chair.

Community Outreach – nominated and approved Jane Hovington to Chair. Umar Hassan El will co-Chair.

Resource Development – nominated and approved Ed Perez to Chair.

Evidence Based practices and Research Committee – nominated and approved Joe Paesani to Chair.

The Chair hopes to have a strategic plan completed by February 15 and will send out to the Committee members for review and input.

Deputy Commissioner Grinstead provided updates on the questions that were raised at the previous meeting. Visitors must return credit card and receipt to their car prior to entering facility for visitation. Individuals should not be getting kicked out of religious services for missing too many services however they may not be permitted to attend classes if too many classes are missed.

5. Public Comment

There was a question from the public about the Inmate Council at JTVCC. The belief is that the Council does not effectively represent all of the inmates, for example those in the SHU and MHU do not get to pick their own representation. Also, the issue was raised that on occasion the members of the Inmate Council do not always get escorted to meetings.

A question was asked whether or not a Compassionate Release program existed because she had heard one was in the works?

Meeting adjourned: 5:25 pm